IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 10, 13 and 14 as follows. Note that all claims currently pending in this application, including those presently being amended, have been reproduced below.

1 to 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An image processing method which is applied in ~~to~~ a server capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has ~~having~~ a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch, and to plural clients, ~~through a network~~, said method comprising:

an obtaining step[,] of obtaining the correction data by communicating ~~performing communication~~ with the image forming unit, through the network, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to obtain the correction data;~~, asynchronous with respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client;~~

a receiving step[,] of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step[,] of performing a correction process on image data included in the printing job~~, by~~ using the obtained correction data; and

an outputting step[,] of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A storage medium which computer-readably stores a program to achieve an image processing method which is applied in ~~to~~ a server capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has ~~having~~ a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch, and to plural clients, ~~through a network,~~ said method comprising:

an obtaining step[,] of obtaining the correction data by communicating ~~performing communication~~ with the image forming unit, through the network, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to obtain the correction data;~~, asynchronous with respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client;~~

a receiving step[,] of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step[,] of performing a correction process on image data included in the printing job, ~~by~~ using the obtained correction data; and

an outputting step[,] of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program to achieve an image processing method which is applied in ~~to~~ a server capable of being connected, through a network, to an image forming unit, which has ~~having~~ a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch tend, and to plural clients, ~~through a network,~~ said program comprising:

an obtaining module that obtains the correction data by communicating ~~performing communication~~ with the image forming unit, wherein said correction data is automatically obtained from the image forming unit, which executes the calibration function in the image forming unit to obtain the correction data;~~, asynchronous with respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client;~~

a receiving module that receives a printing job from the client;

a correcting module that performs a correction process on image data included in the printing job, ~~by~~ using the obtained correction data; and

an outputting module that outputs the image data corrected by said correcting module to the image forming unit.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein, in said obtaining step, the correction data is obtained from the image forming unit with respect to each predetermined time.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating

with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.

18. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein in said obtaining step, the correction data is obtained from the image forming unit with respect to each predetermined time.

19. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

20. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 13, further comprising the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein, in said obtaining step, the correction data is obtained from the image forming unit with respect to each predetermined time.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein the image forming unit automatically executes the calibration function according to a condition of state parameters of the image forming unit.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable program according to Claim 14, wherein said program further comprises the step of judging whether or not the correction data should be updated, by comparing additional information of the latest correction data obtained by communicating with the image forming unit with additional information of the correction data already stored.